Dear Howard (Dick),

To show you how foggy I am today, I got your mailing of the 15th yesterday, rather fast, read it in Washington while I awaited Bud's return to his office, and save for two things, have no present recollection of it. These two things are the "Thank you" card you got and one of your comments to Bick, on explaining the acharacteristics and behavior of the ammo, which coincides with what I had also counsellled. For the "Thank youer", whil e I could sned him the enclose copy of the Publisher's Weekly review of FRAME-Up, I think it might be more effective if you do, if it osn't too much trouble. He will not be home for a while. By the way, if you can find time, before doing that, you might show it to the campus bookstore. It might persuade them to stock. Right now I so regreg that Jack Mckinney is in Ireland (or was when last I heard). We could have done a show thatwould have sold out all Phila suppplies overnight!

I filed my response to the government's motion in the clothing/pic suit yesterday, on time, but entirely unread. It is book-length, with 110pages (legal size, 1 ½ space) of law, argument, doctrine, regulations, reasonings, motions, etc, and the strongest possible charges against Rhoads (perjury) and the US Atty, plis what I r egard as what, under this great time pressure, is a solid documentation of deceptionm, t e intent to deceive, mispresentation (a very seripus thing when addressed to a member of the bar)

There was some hazard in doing this. It telegraphs pretty much all my case to the overnmnet. I am not at all reluctant on that score, for there is no homest response and, hopefully, I will detect any dishonest ones at the hearing. If the judge isna good one and reads all of this, he'll be climbing walls and castigating the government. If he is not, he'll be looking for ways to clobber me. We'll see, in time. Dick is second on the list of those to receive a copy one of the two—I have to hold the toher because of the possibility of typos, not having been able to read this before filing) sopies ofnthe rough draft. Younare closer, so I will be elnding youa carbon of what I filed.

Bugging clip: Glad to get. Since then ABA approved. I hppethey are a,ong the first new victims....Agnew should stick to hitting the innocent with golf balls....The Stretegy story I return in the event you need it, It is self- deception. The Kremlin, I am confident, doesn't believe there is more than s <u>single</u> Nixon, the "new" being different from the "old" only in terms of misrepresentation of both....Condensation on Laos will be helpful.

On the JFK-withdrawal stuff: I can't finf my files and - have no record of to whom I loaned it so long ago, so what I told you was from recall. If you copy these clippings, I'd appreciate copies. As I recall it, my data showe dhte original (and what become only) withdrawal was 223 of an announced 1,700. I forgot what the general told me, but I think it was approximately this. I'm glad your research confirms so much of my recollection.

I think you may have simpliefied too much in saying JFK wanted to put policy back in the State Dept. I think it would be more accurate to say civilian control, to include limiting the spooks (and again I recommend the Laos chapter(s) in Wise and Ross), and to have State perform its <u>traditional</u> role. Rather than making policy, that is it implementing. Without taking time to think or thinking of going over my notes anf files, I suggest that what he was really aiming at was being more independent, making more of his own policy, and arranging the government to these ends. I think he wanted to pull back from many areas.

Rockefeller's criticism is not as invalid as it may appear. If you ignore what he aurely did, the new and recent postures and positions, for the total JFK administration his was a legitimate criticism, not just a political one. It did have orientation (wrong) and it did lack central, consistent planning, tending toward improvisations. I can explain this when you are here. JFK tried to keep everybody happy some way, even thpugh he couldn't in all ways. Thus some of the major problems of today come from him. SST for one F-111 for another, Even C5a, the continiation of nuclear testing, the continuation of missle-building.

Gotta get to other things. Best,